

Two deaths at Festival first since 1996 shows

Law enforcement still investigating exact cause of deaths

By Tim Schrag
Editor-in-Chief

The number 14 holds some significance to the Affiliated Foods Midwest Country Stampede music festival this year; not only does this number signify how many years the annual festival has been held, but it also marks the amount of years that have passed since the festival had fatalities. This year's festival had two, bringing the total to three deaths overall since Stampede began.

Jacob D. Kreutzer, 19, of Beaver Crossing, Neb., died early Thursday before the festival opened. He died while being rushed by ambulance to Mercy Regional hospital. According to the Topeka Capital-Journal, the Shawnee County Coroner's office said Kreutzer died from an unexplained internal injury.

Kreutzer's death is being investigated by the Pottawatomie County Sheriff. The Sheriff's department could not be reached for comment on the subject.

The second fatality occurred early Saturday morning. Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks Officer Luke D. Nihart died as the result of an ATV accident while working the at the festival.

Capt. Art Wilburn of the Kansas Highway Patrol said the KHP is still investigating Nihart's death, and the exact cause of death has yet to be determined.

"Each time any agency loses an officer, it touches all of those in the law enforcement community," Wilburn said. "Our thoughts and prayers are with the men and women of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, as well as Officer Nihart's family and friends during this most difficult time."

Wayne Rouse, general manager of Country Stampede, said the deaths are a tragedy.

Rouse also said he is waiting to hear the results of the pending investigations before any festival policies are changed.

"We really don't know the cause on either one and their situations," he said. "And until I find out on that I would just be guessing and I don't want to do that."

Texting drivers will be pulled over

RCPD will be writing warnings starting Thursday

Hilary Burton
Staff Writer

Talking with a friend on a cell phone or clicking the keypad with one hand to text "Hey, I'm on my way" to a friend seems harmless. Starting tomorrow though, when the other hand is steering a vehicle in Manhattan city limits, it will be against the law.

Tomorrow, the Riley County Police Department will begin pulling over drivers who are texting or talking on their cell phones. The City Commission hopes that this law will decrease the number of motor vehicle accidents caused by cell phone use while driving.

"This new law is a good idea," said RCPD officer Lloyd Jahns.

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STAMPEDERS

Two women wearing 94.5 radio volunteer shirts wandered by a sea of trucks, trailers and tents Thursday afternoon at Tuttle Creek, making their way to a large, open area covered by a stage of lights and music sets. The women were only two of 500 volunteers and 150,000 people who attended the 2010 Country Stampede music festival throughout the four-day weekend. As they continued walking through the gates, soaking up Kansas rays and beautiful country music, they reflected on the moments and memories they shared throughout the weekend.

STAMPEDE

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Matt Hohnson and Heather Diles, of Abilene, sit on their truck basking in the rays of Thursday's late afternoon sun in the parking lot for non-campers outside Country Stampede's gates.

Tuition to increase 7.4 percent this fall semester

New \$10 credit hour fee goes back to colleges, students involved in process

Ashton Archer
Staff Writer

Students with already threadbare pocketbooks will have another reason to clutch them even tighter. The cost of going to school has just gone up.

Last week the Kansas Board of Regents agreed to increase tuition rates by 7.4 percent at K-State for undergraduate Kansas-residents. All tuition rates for the 2010-2011 school year have gone up at all six Regent universities in the state. The regents also approved a 4.7 percent increase in tuition for out-of-state-students attending K-State.

The University of Kansas' rates when up 8.2 percent (standard) and 6.4 percent (compact). Wichita State University's tuition was raised 7.7 percent and Emporia State University's was increased six percent. Pittsburgh State University tuition increased 5.6 percent and Fort Hays State University increased 4.1 percent. These rates are for full-time undergraduate students who are residents.

Student Body President Danny Unruh said the 7.4 percent figure can be misleading as the increase is made up of several figures. Tuition itself is only going up three percent with the

rest being made up by privilege fees and the new \$10 per credit hour fee.

"There are obviously various committees on campus that are looking at tuition and those recommendations are kind of filtered through from students, from faculty, from staff and those make their way to Bruce Shubert's office (vice president for administration and finance), and Bruce sits

"We do want to make sure that we maintain the quality of a K-State degree"

-Bruce Shubert

down with President (Kirk) Schulz and other chief decision-makers in the President's Cabinet and myself for that final proposal," Unruh said. The \$10 per credit hour fee is calculated in as a percentage to reach the final total for full-time undergraduate resident students.

Unruh said the money from the rest of the increase will go toward the general fund that is used to maintain and operate the university.

Schulz and Unruh presented their tuition proposal at the May Board of Regents meeting.

"Our recommendation is what was passed. The \$10 per credit hour fee and that three percent increase in tuition," Unruh said.

Shubert said the credit hour fee

is an additional \$10 applied to every credit hour a student takes, regardless of his or her college or major. This \$10 is sent directly back into the budget of the college that the class comes out of. For example, when taking a three-credit hour course like POLSC 110 from the college of Arts and Sciences, an additional \$30 will be added to the cost. Since the class is from Arts and Sciences, that additional \$30 will go back to that college. When students take classes from their own college, their money will be benefiting their college. Unruh said the fee pays for hiring new faculty, supporting graduate teaching assistants, graduate research assistants, buying lab materials and supporting student groups.

"So what we attempted to do with this per credit hour college fee is that will go directly back to the colleges for them to help restore some of the cuts that they have incurred primarily in FY 10. So that we can maintain the core instructional quality," Shubert said.

The \$10 per credit hour fee is new to K-State and is unique among the Kansas Regents schools. Students and committees such as the Long-Term Tuition Strategies Committee proposed ideas of how to make up the budget deficits throughout the school year. The debate concerning the increase has been a long process.

WHAT'S INCREASED

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| 3.00% | tuition increase |
| \$10.00 | credit/hr. fee |
| + \$10.25 | privilege fee increase |
| 7.4% | total increase |

RECENT COSTS/HR

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| 2010-2011 | \$222.40 |
| 2009-2010 | \$206.20 |
| 2008-2009 | \$198.47 |
| 2007-2008 | \$187.50 |
| 2006-2007 | \$172.50 |

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INCREASE BY UNIVERSITY

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| KU | 8.2 |
| WSU | 7.7 |
| KSU | 7.4 |
| ESU | 6.0 |
| PSU | 5.6 |
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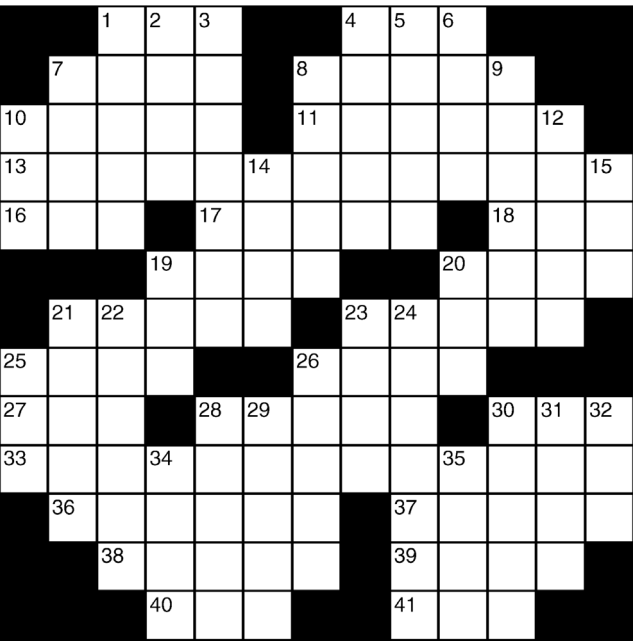
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WEEKLY BLOTTER ARREST REPORTS

SUNDAY

Mark Stephen Love Jr., Clay Center, was arrested at 1:58 a.m. for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$500.

Rodney Ray Jackson, Neosho Rapids, Kan., was arrested at 2:58 a.m. for driving under the influence and endangering a child. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Jamie Renee Crivits, Junction City, was arrested at 3:33 a.m. for pedestrian under the influence of alcohol or drugs, battery of a law enforcement officer and resisting arrest. Bond was set at \$2,500.

Brian Mark Bergman, Clay Center, Kan., was arrested at 3:53 a.m. for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Abraham Nicolae Gutierrez, Fort Riley, was arrested at 9 a.m. for battery and criminal damage to property. Bond was set at \$750.

Joel Tylor Nyhoff, homeless, was arrested at 3:11 p.m. for possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond was set at \$500.

Arthur Daniel Thomas, 2575 Bent Tree Drive, was arrested at 525 p.m. for probation violation. Bond

was set at \$500.

Steven Patrick Klingsieck, 530 Fremont St., was arrested at 9:35 p.m. for criminal trespass. Bond was set at \$750.

Gerome Scott Cabe, 8351 Fairview Church Road, was arrested at 11:30 p.m. for battery. Bond was set at \$500.

MONDAY

Gilbert Lee Boutte Jr., Katy, Texas, was arrested at 1:30 a.m. for revocation of probation. The original charge was aggravated battery. Bond was set at \$10,000.

Devin Wade Dean, 1528 Oxford Place, Apt. 28, was arrested at 1:51 a.m. for criminal damage to property. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Alberto Tomas Feliciano, 2500 Farm Bureau Road, lot 49, was arrested at 11:38 a.m. for driving with a canceled or suspended license. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Cody Lamar Keith Wal Diehl, Clay Center, Kan., was arrested at 1:09 p.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Melanie Eileen Ramsey, 1332 Pillsbury Drive, Apt. A, was arrested at 3:28 p.m. for probation violation. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Charles James Jackson Sr., Ogden, was arrested at 7:17 p.m. for criminal threat and probation violation. Bond was set at \$2,000.

Timoteo Tomas Castaneda Tomas, 719 Bluemont Ave., Apt. 3, was arrested at 10:57 p.m. for obstruction of legal process, driving with a canceled or suspended license, accident involving damage to a vehicle or property and duty of driver to give notification of an accident. Bond was set at \$2,500.

TUESDAY

Miguel Angel Ortega, 2105 Spruce Place, was arrested at 1:02 a.m. for driving without a valid license and unlawful use of a license. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Lonnie Leon Gallagher, 400 Brookridge Drive, was arrested at 1:38 a.m. for theft. Bond was set at \$1,500.

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GREEN SCREEN

Environmental cautions costly for American people, economy

Don't you love the planet? Aren't you aware the blue globe known as Planet Earth is on the brink of utter destruction? When sifting through all the media flash and theatrical spin, these are the messages forwarded to the American people by the environmental doomsayers and now the government through the Barack Obama administration. Touted as part of the green movement, cap and trade is just one of the many potential laws waiting to be addressed in Washington, D.C.

Cap and Trade will require the United States to radically reduce its carbon emissions, negatively affecting American industries as well as limiting the items U.S. citizens can buy. Within the manmade global-warming story, we all hear constantly through every media outlet that carbon dioxide, CO₂, is considered poisonous as opposed to a life-giving nutrient. If you believe that then everything contributing to CO₂ is a planet killer. Just about everything productive and useful must be curbed, cut or eliminated all together. That includes you, if you just exhaled. Most major environmentalists are also zero-human-growth supporters, which often lends itself to "final solution" type scenarios such as those forwarded by Obama's science czar John Holdren. Holdren wrote in the 1970s about the benefits of forced abortions and putting sterilants into the public drinking water and food. Relax, just saving the planet.

While these radical ideas have never been abandoned by many in the environmentalist movement, they have been overshadowed by the newest way we are told the dying planet can be saved, and that is by "going green." Ah, going green. It sounds so refreshing and wonderful, right? Like summer grass or the leaves of the trees, not to mention the special-interest groups that will make tons of greenbacks selling the



Illustration by Frank St. George

green products all citizens will be required to buy and use in the newly forecasted, "greener" America.

Unfortunately, there are many costs to going green. In industries, the reduction of CO₂ emissions will require large companies that employ the nation to use costly green technology which will cut profits and in turn will mean higher prices for consumers, layoffs and an eventual exodus of viable companies from the U.S.

These companies will go to places like China, which is too focused on expanding its economy to play the CO₂ reduction game.

The coal companies that heat about half the country will also find themselves at odds with the green movement. Additional coal production in Kansas has the potential to employ thousands of unemployed residents, but its future will be seen as environmentally unfriendly, along

with the cattle industry if the country takes a true turn for the greener. Why cattle? They are CO₂ emitters, and despite being a fundamental economic part of this state's economy, they will have to go if we are to attempt to reduce our carbon footprint. Even if government-imposed green sanctions empty the Kansas pastures of cattle, you will still find a hamburger. Why? Just as the large refineries in the Gulf will move to friendlier waters to drill the

oil the country needs after the oil drilling moratorium, the cattle industry will move to new pastures where it can economically survive.

The cost of going green can be seen in the loss of jobs as businesses relocate. The cost is reflected in the higher cost of products as those businesses that remain make the consumer pay at the checkout line for the decisions of the government. Lastly, the cost of going green is a lack of personal freedom to make

money and spend it on the products you want in what has historically been a free market in America. If you believe the planet is in the balance then you may want to accept this economic yoke, but if not, then the cost of going green may be more than just too expensive. It might be downright wrong.

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Advisers should not hinder students' career decisions



Nicole Dykes

When I first came to K-State, I had absolutely no idea what I wanted to major in.

During freshmen orientation I met with my academic adviser and decided to declare an open option major until I could figure out what I wanted to study. I took many general classes my freshmen year and did well, and I enjoyed trying out different areas of academia to see where I fit best.

My sophomore year I took a journalism class and instantly fell in love with reporting. I have always loved to write, so when I met next with my adviser to discuss declaring a major, I was excited because I thought I had found the perfect career. However, when I told my adviser I wanted to study journalism, she gave me a very confused look, rather than the congratulations I was expecting. Then she told me she didn't see me as a journalist.

But I understand why she responded this way. I tend to be shy and don't share my opinions up front. So, instead of telling my adviser how much I enjoy writing and that my dream is to someday author a book, I simply agreed with her, and she suggested I look into financial planning.

We discussed the career possibilities I could develop with a degree in financial planning. I thought I might actually like it because I would be helping people, though I have never been interested in anything involving finances. She then gave me information and

instructions on how to declare a major, and that day I officially changed my major to personal financial planning.

For the next two years, I took classes in financial planning and ignored the thoughts lurking in the back of my mind that it just wasn't for me. Then, last semester I failed a required tax course. I have never failed a class before — I graduated high school with a 3.5 GPA. I was so depressed because I had not done well in any of the financial planning classes and the only course I had enjoyed and succeeded in was expository writing.

After talking to my husband and family, I decided I could not continue in the major I was in. I would never be happy as a financial adviser, and what I really loved was writing. I contacted an English adviser and asked for some help. After several e-mails and phone calls, I decided to major in general human ecology and minor in English, with an emphasis in writing. I instantly felt much brighter about the future. Now, I am finally on the right track for the first time in college. My family is excited for me and they notice the positive change in my demeanor.

Though it was stressful, I learned valuable lessons through this experience. My advice for students is that while it's important to listen to academic advisers, remember they are simply a guide. Ultimately, each student needs to listen to their own thoughts. No one knows a person better than they know themselves, and in the end each student must live with a decision. When students study a subject they hate, it will be almost impossible to enjoy life, both during college and after.

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THOUGHTS ON CAMPUS

How would you describe the Country Stampede Festival using only one word?

"Drunk." Zach Olberding, senior in marketing

"Country." Oladipo Fajimolu, sophomore in accounting

"Hyphenated word: controlled-chaos." Peter Rails, junior in fine arts

"Overrated." Jeffrey Bromley, junior in secondary education

"Amazing." Cole Zensiek, senior in accounting

"Wild." Courtney Crichlow, senior in animal sciences

"Expensive." Quantrell Willis, academic services coordinator

"Depraved." Alexander Evans, senior in English

"Dirty." Madeline Miller, senior in biology

"Festive." Catrina Elmore, junior in accounting

"Crazy." April Hall, general manager of Taco Bell, K-State Student Union

"Muddy." Caleb Akerstrom, sophomore in fine arts

"Insane." Hilary Dees, senior in anthropology

"Wow." Suave Wesson, senior in psychology

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TAKING OVER TUTTLE



Country Stampede 2010 successful, good for Manhattan community



The sun has set on another successful Country Stampede. This is my third summer in Manhattan, and I am still glad to see such a large music festival in this region of the United States.

Part of Stampede's success has come from the great location at Tuttle Creek's River Pond area. This locale allows for plenty of camping, vendors and partying enjoyed by a diverse population from across the U.S.

When I was growing up, I never listened to country music. In fact, if there was country music on the radio, my father would tell me the radio was broken since it was playing "such God-awful music." However, Country Stampede has played a major role in changing my views of country music.

After high school, when I was invited to Country Stampede, I was hesitant to go. After some convincing, I finally made the trek to Stampede and was hooked. I'm not sure if it was the throng of people wearing swimsuits and drinking beer or the rock-concert feel that changed my mind. Whatever it was, it has stuck with me.

I have made it to Stampede every year since then. I have yet to actually buy a ticket as I have either won tickets or been given some each year. I have gone and thoroughly enjoyed myself each time.

For me, what makes Stampede so great is the campground area. It has to be one of the only places on Earth where you can walk up to any campground and the campers will welcome you like you were their brother. I know Stampede brings in plenty of money to Manhattan, and with all of the free food and beer I've consumed out there, it doesn't really surprise me. Another great thing about the camping area is it is really a four-

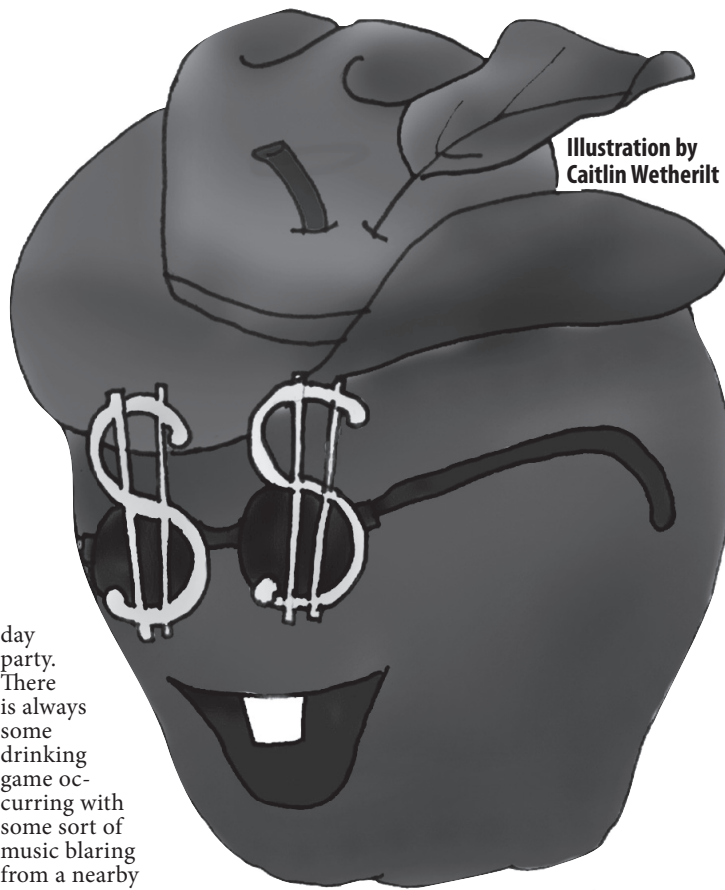


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day party. There is always some drinking game occurring with some sort of music blaring from a nearby stereo.

The next-best thing about Stampede is probably the friends you make. I have met some very cool people at Stampede that I probably never would have met otherwise. Plus, I get to catch up with some high school friends every year too.

Finally, what makes Stampede worthwhile is the music. Every year there are at least two or three household names at Stampede. This year, Keith Urban and Hootie and the Blowfish's front man Darius Rucker were the main acts on Friday night. Those are two pretty big names in the music industry. Last year, I only made it out to Stampede on Saturday. Yet I got to watch Blake Shelton and then Tim McGraw in one day. Where else around here can you watch such big names in country music play on the same stage within a few hours of one another?

Now, I realize there are plenty of music festivals within easy

driving distance of Manhattan. I myself have taken in Rock Fest in Kansas City and plan to go to Rocklahoma probably next year. So I am not saying it's necessarily the music that attracts me to Country Stampede. It is definitely the party atmosphere that is most alluring.

Again, there is just no real country music festival like Country Stampede around the area. That is what is so appealing to the festival goers nearby. That doesn't explain how I met some people from Oregon at Stampede 2009 though. I think they heard what a great party Stampede is and decided to see for themselves. I didn't see them this year, but I bet they were somewhere in the biggest party in Manhattan.

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Annual country music festival gives attendees excuse to party for four days straight

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Carrie Gilliam
Edge Editor

The two girls were military volunteers appreciating every moment of the weekend before they were deployed to Iraq earlier this week.

"Stampede is helping us get ready for Iraq," said Jerryka Robbison, private first class. "We can enjoy ourselves and have fun because when we get over there we are not going to be able to."

Inside the concert area, Adam James Hammon, of Los Angeles, Calif., took in every word country musician Craig Morgan sang.

Hammon said he had returned to the U.S. on June 21, and was enjoying every moment and is thankful the Army sent him home in time to attend Stampede.

The concert area was constantly packed from Thursday until Sunday evening. Country music fans filed in with lawn chairs and blankets to watch performers in the Stampede line-up.

Artists who sang Thursday include Luke Bryan, performing his new hit "Rain is a Good Thing," and Miranda Lambert, singing into her shotgun microphone stand.

Friday, Darius Rucker performed with audience members chanting "Hootie, Hootie," followed by headliner Keith Urban. Urban came on stage around 10:30 p.m. and left the stage into the crowd about 11:30.

Saturday, Craig Morgan and Billy Currington performed, followed by famed duo Montgomery Gentry. Jake Owen gave the Sunday crowd goosebumps while he sang a song for his

nine-year-old hero who died a couple of years ago. Following was a performance by trio Little Big Town.

Walking to or from the festival area a camper would break a sweat just by blinking during the four days of Stampede. To prevent the heat ruining the party weekend most campers decided to forgo shirt.

Many women ran around wearing bikini tops and frayed daisy dukes unbuttoned and folded down. Men typically wore either swimming trunks or shorts and T-shirts. Many heads were wrapped in bandanas to prevent sweat from running down faces.

The campgrounds had tattoos a blazing, beads and buttons galore, a pleasure seeking "go trashy or go home" atmosphere and was a party-dropping good time for the women who left their underwear on the asphalt.

One campsite bus hosted a large dance party on the top of its RV throughout Thursday night, complete with a stripper pole.

Officials did not allow the dance party to continue after Thursday night, and the RV displayed a sign that read "Blame Bill for no Music" the rest of the week.

Chris Grogangroen and Eric Sponsel, who traveled from Switzerland, said they "came to the land of the free and Stampede to find wives." The men said they enjoyed the weekend and the RV dance party.

While waiting on concerts to start, many Stampede attendees wandered around different campsites, chugging from beer bong, playing beer pong, flip cup and taking a spin around a hollow baseball bat for Louisville chugger.

Human-size games like Plinko and Jenga aimed to lure women in to ultimately lose and flash their breasts for Mardi Gras beads. However, some women did not need to lose at a game to earn their own beads. Many women made bead earning a contest and said they were proud of their efforts.

The excess of alcohol at Tuttle

Creek affected alcohol sales in Manhattan, too, this weekend.

According to Brian Rankin, store manager for Short Stop 12 on Tuttle Creek Blvd., the store's sales increased between \$8,000-\$9,000 a day.

Rankin said.

Convenience and liquor stores are not the only ones who receive an increase of cash flow.

Todd Lovin, Tuttle Creek Park manager said there is a contract between Stampede and Tuttle, and it states that a portion of sales goes toward improvements at the park.

"We have large events every day and every week, but this is a much larger event with a different twist," he said.

He also said Tuttle receives many return visits from people for other activities who heard about Tuttle through Stampede.

Whether Stampede attendees remember their time at the music festival, it was a weekend full of activity. For soldiers like Robbison who are preparing for deployment to Iraq, Stampede gave them a chance to enjoy the weekend before duty called.



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TEXTING | Officers will issue citations in January

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RCPD officers will begin issuing written warnings tomorrow to anyone caught driving while texting or talking on a cell phone and continue to do so for the months that follow.

Beginning January 1, 2011 drivers using cell phones will be issued a fine. The time between the written warnings and the actual fined tickets is to help Manhattan residents adjust to the change.

“Most of my friends text or talk on the phone while driving,” said Bekah Bailey, freshman in open option. “It’s going to be a tough transition but I



think it will be good.”

While the use of cell phones to place and receive calls while driving is prohibited according to the law, the use of a hands-free device such as Bluetooth is permitted.

Scott Schlageck, senior in geography, said if cell phones are targeted, then any other hands-on device should also be outlawed.

“If they’re going to prohibit the use of cell phones while

driving then they might as well prohibit the use of GPS, radio and iPods as well,” Schlageck said.

The state law also going into effect tomorrow only prohibits the use of texting while driving.

TUITION | Some see potentially positive affect from cost increase

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Shubert said part of the increase in costs of attending K-State is the privilege fee which is increasing. This past year, privilege fee was \$341.75 and will be increasing to \$352 for the 2010-2011 school year.

The Student Governing Association decides privilege fees

and submits them to the president for approval.

“We are aware of the impact on students and their families, but we do want to make sure that we maintain the quality of a K-State degree,” Shubert said.

Although the tuition increase is not the most popular idea among the student body,

some students see the brighter side to the increase.

“While I’m not crazy about the idea of having to pay \$10 extra dollars for each credit hour I do kind of like that it’s going to the specific colleges,” said Janell Friesan, senior in anthropology and philosophy.

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Alpha meets in Aggieville bar for discussions about God, philosophy

By Lisle Alderton
Staff Writer and Photographer

The Kathouse Lounge in Aggieville, buzzes with the chatter of a different type of barfly. This is where the group Alpha meets every Monday to share a meal, listen to Christian praise music, mingle and discuss the Bible.

This is the first year the 10-week program, which meets four times a year, has made its home in the ritzy Lounge.

"This was never one of our ideas about using this space, but because we have had so many wedding receptions and special events that were never part of our business plan, we began to think outside the box," said Brian Berry the bars owner. "We liked (Alpha) because it was outside the box. And since we feel so lucky and fortunate we thought we

would give back by donating the space."

This liberal incarnation of Christian emergence was first brought to Manhattan by Justin and Susie Kastner. Justin is an assistant professor in diagnostic medicine pathobiology.

"Eleven years ago Justin and I took an Alpha course at Holy Trinity Brompton Church," Susie said.

The group was founded in Great Britain and has been expanding its reach from the Holy Trinity Brompton Church, the sight of the first Alpha course, to more than a hundred countries. The course has received positive reviews from the New York Times, Time and The Economist.

"Alpha is a diverse coalition of varying philosophers, beliefs and religions discussing the essentials of Christianity," said Darren Emory, one of the four co-

leaders. "I have had an atheist, agnostic, a Muslim, a spiritualist and really anything in-between in my two years involved in the group."

The group is organized by the collaboration efforts of 20 team leaders from the Faith Evangelical Free Church, 2500 Kimball Ave., and Peace Lutheran Church, 1921 Barnes Road.

"It helps you re-assess your life and get perspective from others," said Charissa Ratliff, junior in baking science. "I find Alpha is a good place to have a really open conversation about God. It is a place where you can ask questions and get answers."

The Alpha small-group discussions practice discretion.

"What we say here doesn't leave here," said Rachel Peters, junior in baking science.



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A small group converses about resisting evil during Alpha's Monday meeting at the Kathouse Lounge. The group discussed many different religious topics.

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